(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Commission has not submitted any report to the Government specifically expressing concern over the plight of tribal women in the country. However, in its Annual Report 1994-95 the Commission have referred to the indivisibility and inter-related quality of human rights, particularly among the SCs and STs but no separate report has been submitted on the plight of tribal women.

(e) Does not arise.

Scheduled Tribe status to Kukis

3289. SHRI L. RAMANA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kukis are not recognised as Scheduled Tribe in Manipur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to confer upon them the Scheduled Tribe status in Manipur;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (e). Kuki community has not been specified as Scheduled Tribe in relation to Manipur. The proposal of the State Government of Manipur for inclusion of Kuki community in the list of Scheduled Tribes is under consideration of the Government of India in the context of comprehensive revision of lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Improvement in telephone services in West Bengal

3290. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the service problems being faced by the telephone subscribers of Dhamiakhali, Haripal and Balagarh in Hooghly district under West Bengal Telecom circle; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to improve the telephone services there?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The Telephone services at Dhamiakhali, Haripal and Balagarh in Hooghly district are satisfactory. All the three places have electronic exchanges with reliable S.T.D. media.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[Translation]

Telephone Connections

3291. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:
SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI L. RAMANA:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:
PROF. P.J. KURIEN:
SHRI S.P. JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA:
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE:
DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH:
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI:
SHRI P. SHANMUGAM:
SHRI HARADHAN ROY:
VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections provided during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 (till date), State-wise, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons in the waiting list upto June, 1996, State-wise, district-wise;

(c) the time by which they are likely to be provided the connections, State-wise, district-wise, year-wise;

(d) whether any special scheme has been formulated for expansion development of telephone services/telephone exchanges;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the amount allocated for the purpose during 1996-97, State-wise;

(g) whether the Government have received any complaints of irregularities while providing telephone connections; and

(h) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (h). Information for paras (a) to (h) is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.